

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for exchanging a message using a short message service (SMS) between a sending party and a receiving party over a call connection, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a text message by said sending party in a first portable digital phone;

creating a plurality of optional response messages associated with said text message;

and

forwarding said text message with said optional response messages to said receiving

party over said call connection, wherein said optional response messages are stored in memory of a second portable digital phone for a provision to said receiving party thereafter; and

———receiving from ~~the receiving party~~ said second portable digital phone a return of one of said optional response messages.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of, upon receiving said text message, selectively choosing one of said optional response messages by said receiving party in a second portable digital phone.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein a message of said optional response messages transmitted back to said sending party includes a call-back number provided by said receiving party.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A method for exchanging a message using a short message service (SMS) between a sending party and a receiving party, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a message having a plurality of optional response messages stored in a portable digital phone of said receiving party;

retrieving to display said text message with said optional messages;

selecting one of said optional response messages by said receiving party;

forwarding said selected optional response message back to said sending party via said SMS channel.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said optional response messages comprises a plurality of items identifying different messages to be selected by said receiving party.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said optional response messages are transmitted to said receiving party by said sending party.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein said optional response messages include a call-back number allowing said selected response entered by said receiving party to be transmitted back to said sending party.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for exchanging a message using a short message service (SMS) between a sending party and a receiving party, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a text message having a plurality of optional response messages associated to said text message in a first digital ~~terminal~~ phone of said sending party;

forwarding said text message with said optional response messages to a second digital ~~terminal~~ phone of said receiving party via said SMS channel;

storing in memory of a second digital phone said optional response messages;

selecting one of said optional response messages by said receiving party; and

forwarding said selected optional response message back to said sending party via said SMS channel.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, further comprising the step of storing said text message and said optional response messages in said second terminal upon receiving said text message from said sending party via said SMS channel.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, further comprising the step of retrieving said text message and said optional messages for a provision to said receiving party.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, further comprising the step of displaying said retrieved messages in a display unit of said second digital terminal.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said optional response messages include a call-back number allowing said selected response entered by said receiving party to be transmitted back to said sending party.